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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination and reconsideration of this application, withdrawal of the rejections, and formal notification of the allowability of all claims as now presented are earnestly solicited in light of the above amendments and remarks that follow.

Applicants' representative appreciates the telephonic interview with the Examiner on September 19, 2006, discussing the allowability of a new independent claim 54 combining subject matter of previous claims 1 and 28. Applicants' representative further appreciates the Examiner's follow-up telephonic interview discussing the proposed claim amendments submitted to the Examiner.

In the proposed amendment, the following claim amendments were set forth: claims 1, 9-27, and 50-51 were canceled; new claim 54 was added combining the preamble and clause (a) from claim 28 with clause (b) from claim 1; new claims 55-66 were added depending upon claim 54 (claims 55-60 being similar to present claims 42-47 and claims 61-66 being similar to present claims 29-34); claims 3, 6, 8, and 48 were amended to be dependent upon new claim 54; claim 33 was amended to correct a typographical error; claim 42 was amended to make it dependent solely upon claim 28; claims 43 and 46 were amended to clarify the antecedent basis of the solvent recited therein; and claim 53 was amended to correct the dependency thereof. At the Examiner's suggestion, claim 54 was updated to recite selectively acylating "the hydroxyl group located at the C-2' position." Although Applicants do not acquiesce to any rejection of record, in order to expedite allowance, the above noted amendments have been made in this supplemental response.

It is now believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Formal notice of allowability of all claims is therefore respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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